

# Annual Report



*Leyden, Massachusetts*

NINETEEN FIFTY - TWO



# ANNUAL REPORTS

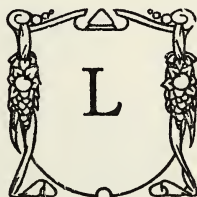
OF

Officers and Committees

OF THE TOWN OF

## LEYDEN

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

## December 31, 1952

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# Selectmen's Report

## TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$ 1510 00
Edric W. Cook, moderator	✓	\$ 5 00
C. P. Zimmerman, selectman	✓	150 00
Ray Robertson, selectman	✓	125 00
David J. Baker, selectman	✓	104 00
Edric W. Cook, selectman	✓	20 84
H. V. Campbell, town clerk and treasurer	✓	400 00
Wilhelm C. Glabach, assessor	✓	90 00
Jason W. Squires, assessor	✓	75 00
Frederick L. Staiger, assessor	✓	37 50
Harold L. Johnson, assessor	✓	15 00
George E. Howes, tax collector	✓	200 00
John H. Newcomb, constable	✓	25 00
Hannah E. Orr, auditor	✓	25 00
Bernard F. York, school committee	✓	58 50
Jessie W. Glabach, school committee	✓	60 00
William K. Barker, school committee	✓	41 70
Elihu C. Osgood, school committee	✓	10 00
		<hr/> \$1442 54

## HIGHWAY CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		
State		\$10725 00
Town		585 00
		<hr/> \$11310 00



Austin Dobias, superintendent	✓ \$1307 14
Clifford O. Howes	1055 00
Richard Brooks	1030 80
William Croutworst	966 00
Harold Wilder	688 00
Austin Dobias, Jr.	145 80
Edward Snow	126 40
Hildege Beaudoin	41 60
Arthur Dobias	35 00
Richard Shedd	16 50
Norman Mason	22 40
Thomas List	7 00
Wilhelm Glabach	10 00
Cornelius Kennedy	24 00
Gilbert Barton	10 00
Charlemont Labor	15 75
Leyden Machinery Fund	1908 60
Allen Snow, trucking	465 50
C. P. Zimmerman, trucking	276 50
Earle Elwell, trucking	337 50
Ralph Bullock, trucking	206 50
Clayton Davenport, trucking	122 50
Leo Micuta, trucking	28 00
Lewis Muka, trucking	24 00
Russell Howes, trucking	7 00
Charlemont Equipment	13 50
Town of Guilford, grader	28 00
Sidney Wolfram, shovel	591 50
H. V. Campbell, mowing brush	126 00
Charles Glabach, tractor	12 00
Edward Muka, chain saw	10 00
Arthur Dobias, chain saw	21 00
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Co.	167 15
Koppers Co., Inc.	401 32
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., chloride	333 70
N E. Metal Culvert Co.	383 87
Lake Asphalt and Petroleum Co.	86 72
Clifford C. Boyd, painting signs	6 00

Fred Schmidt, gravel	13 65
Edward Smith, gravel	15 50
Mary Metelica, gravel	19 60
C. A. Denison, gravel	44 80
Myron Warner, gravel	84 60
Arthur L. Tyler, gravel	73 60

\$11310 00

# HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1307 94 7000286

## Appropriation

State	\$2000 00
County	1000 00
Town	1000 00
Transferred from reserve fund	27 92

\$4027 92

Austin Dobias, supt.	✓ \$ 327 50
Clifford Howes	271 00
Richard Brooks	193 00
William Croutworst	250 00
Harold Wilder	262 00
Austin Dobias, Jr.	67 50
Norman Mason	6 40
Philip Zimmerman	2 40
Allen Snow, trucking	370 75
C. P. Zimmerman, trucking	263 00
Ralph Bullock, trucking	101 50
Earle Elwell, trucking	94 50
Clayton Davenport, trucking	73 50
Leyden Machinery Fund	366 80
Sidney Wolfram, shovel	497 25
Edward Muka, chain saw	4 00
Arthur Dobias, chain saw	2 00
Edward Smith, gravel	23 70
Mary Metelica, gravel	88 30
Myron Warner, gravel	55 20

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	79 34
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Co., cement	162 00
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	25 40
I. Kramer and Sons	81 24
Bernardston Auto Exchange	3 75
C. A. Denison	36 60
Frank Hance	319 29

✓ \$4027 92 90. 16  
 327.50  
3700.42

### HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

#### Appropriation

State	\$ 500 00
County	500 00
Town	500 00

✓ \$1500 00

Austin Dobias, supt.	✓ \$ 18 75
Clifford Howes	15 00
Richard Brooks	15 00
William Croutworst	15 00
Harold Wilder	15 00
Edward Snow	7 20
Charlemont labor	47 25
Leyden Machinery Fund	43 95
Charlemont equipment	40 50
C. P. Zimmerman	6 00
Koppers Co., Inc.	738 61
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Co.	479 80
Lake Asphalt and Petroleum Co.	57 92

\$1499 98 92. 16  
 18.75  
1481.23

### SPECIAL HIGHWAY

#### Appropriation

Austin Dobias, supt.	✓ \$ 53 75
Clifford Howes	30 25



William Croutworst	46 00
Harold Wilder	46 00
Stanley Richardson	24 00

\$200 00 P-1

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### RAILING

Appropriation	\$200 00
Transferred from reserve fund	22 03

\$222 03

Austin Dobias	✓ \$ 13 13
Clifford Howes	6 75
Richard Brooks	3 00
William Croutworst	7 00
Harold Wilder	7 00
C. A. Denison	4 80
Frank Hance	161 45
Edwin Damon	18 90

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### BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$200 00
Richard Shedd, planks	\$140 00

\$140 00 P-1

### SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$1000 00
Harold Johnson	\$ 178 50
Wilhelm Glabach	132 50
Clifford Howes	179 75
Leyland Gerry	7 20
Philip Koshinsky	24 00
Austin Dobias	47 00
William Croutworst	16 00
Harold Wilder	16 00

Edward Smith	1 80	
Austin Dobias, Jr.	30 10	
Norman Mason	6 30	
Richard Brooks	5 50	
Andrew McDonald	4 00	
Frederick Staiger	7 00	
Herbert Orr	4 00	
Henry Glabach	163 40	
Carl Denison	4 50	
Darwin Hine	5 50	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., salt	143 00	
R. P. Noyes, sand	17 70	
	<hr/>	✓ \$993 75

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$20 00
F. H. Brown, flags	\$10 55	
George E. Howes	5 45	
	<hr/>	✓ \$16 00

#### CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Appropriation		
Balance January 1, 1952		\$116 56
Charles B. Bolton	✓ \$45 10	
Balance December 31, 1952	71 46	
	<hr/>	\$116 56

#### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation	\$25 00
Expended	\$ 0 00

#### MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$2450 00
Appropriation from Machinery Fund	1200 00
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	\$3650 00

Henry Glabach	\$1437 07
H. F. Davis Tractor Co.	608 78
Douglas Barton	228 03
Gulf Oil Co.	110 19
Frank Hance	94 21
Auto Sales Co.	61 67
Jurek Brothers, Inc.	31 84
Spencer Brothers	50 41
Pioneer Motors	292 74
Howe Brothers	49 13
Empire Steel Co.	229 08
Northern Glass Co.	11 46
R. E. Boeing	22 16
Noble Belisle Mach. Co.	171 04
Perkins-Milton Co.	8 68
American Lubricant Co.	25 59
Tarbell-Waters, Inc.	4 24
Petrin Motor Sales	15 00
Bernardston Auto Wrecking	19 16
Stimson and Son, Inc.	98 28
Lindell Motor Express	2 20
Registry of Motor Vehicles	2 00
Louis J. Black	16 00
Harold Johnson	11 00
Austin Dobias	7 00
Charles Glabach	4 00
Wilhelm Glabach	3 00

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#### LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$100 00
Interest on Library Fund	23 11
Balance January 1, 1952	53 74

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\$176 85

Edith M. Howes, librarian	✓ \$74 04
Western Mass. Electric Co.	✓ 9 00

Smith Printing Service	✓ 5 50	
Dorothy Howes	✓ 1 69	
Arthur Flagg	✓ 7 00	
H. V. Campbell	✓ 16 00	
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#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$50 00
Dr. Edward P. Wallace	\$25 00	
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#### FIRE INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$700 00
Transferred from reserve fund		94 35
Stimson and Son, Inc.	\$794 35	
	<hr/>	✓ \$794 35

#### TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$100 00
Cornelius Kennedy	\$39 00	
Hildege Beaudoin	39 25	
Gerald Kennedy	12 00	
Allen Snow	5 25	
Clark Hardware Co.	4 50	
	<hr/>	✓ \$100 00

#### DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Appropriation		\$75 00
Cornelius Kennedy	\$39 00	
Hildege Beaudoin	19 15	
Gerald Kennedy	16 85	
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## FIRE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$100 00
Henry Glabach	\$32 90	
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## INSPECTION OF BARNs AND ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$50 00
Frederick Staiger	\$12 50	
Charles Glabach	37 50	
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## INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation		\$75 00
Ernest Brooks	\$75 00	
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## PRINTING

Appropriation		\$200 00
Transferred from reserve fund		53 31
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		\$253 31
The Art Press, town reports	\$238 22	
E. A. Hall and Co., ballots	15 09	
	<hr/>	✓ \$253 31

## GYPSY MOTH

Appropriation		\$200 00
Transferred from reserve fund		1 35
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		✓ \$201 35
Andrew McDonald	\$78 10	
Philip Zimmerman	14 40	
Lawrence Chapin	20 70	



Norman Mason	17 10	
Gordon Barton	10 80	
Edward Snow	6 75	
Stanley Richardson	40 00	
Clayton Brooks	13 50	
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### NOTES AND INTEREST

Appropriation		\$2750 00
Appropriation from Machinery Fund		1200 00
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		\$3950 00
Franklin County Trust Co.		
Tractor note	✓ \$1200 00	
Interest on tractor note	✓ 12 00	
School notes	✓ 2000 00	
Interest on school notes	✓ 640 00	
Interest on temporary loan	✓ 52 78	
Director of Accounts, certifying note	✓ 2 00	
	<hr/>	\$3906 78

### CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Balance December 31, 1951		\$6193 71
Baker and Dingman	\$500 00	
Massachusetts Reformatory	22 50	
Franklin County Lumber Co.	56 97	
Milton Bradley Co.	113 96	
C. N. Haskell and Son	58 74	
Lake Asphalt and Petroleum Co.	29 44	
	<hr/>	✓ \$781 61

### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$600 00
Transferred from reserve fund		53 05
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		\$653 05

Western Mass. Electric Co.	✓	\$ 55 93	- P-10
Hobbs and Warren, Inc.	y	111 39	- P-8
Stimson and Son, Inc., bonds		63 00	- P-8
Mass. Collectors' and Treasurers' Assoc.	✓	4 00	- P-8
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc.	✓	10 00	- P-8
Mass. Assessors' Assoc.	✓	9 00	- P-8
H. V. Campbell, postage	✓	19 35	- P-8
George Howes, postage	✓	8 96	- P-12
Henry Glabach, janitor	✓	100 00	- P-12
Spencer Howes, sealer	✓	25 00	- P-12
Clark Hardware Co.	✓	42 58	- P-22
Sears Roebuck and Co.	✓	9 05	- P-10
Greenfield Wallpaper and Paint Co.	✓	12 90	- P-22
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette	✓	9 50	- P-22
Registry of Deeds	✓	2 40	- P-8
Brown Printing Co.	✓	14 00	- P-22
Commonwealth of Mass.	✓	.55	- P-22
Harold Wilder, election officer	✓	3 00	
Edith Howes, election officer	✓	3 00	
Edith Snow, election officer	✓	3 00	
Georganna Kennedy, election officer	✓	13 50	
Hannah Orr, election officer	✓	10 50	
Felixina Howes, election officer	✓	13 50	
Doris Glabach, election officer	✓	7 50	
Arthur Howes <i>donable</i>	✓	9 50	
Edric Cook	✓	7 00	
Wilhelm Glabach	✓	2 94	
Welcome Leach, kindling	✓	3 00	
Louis Black, wood	✓	16 00	
H. V. Campbell, wood	✓	63 00	
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		\$ 653 05	

### EAST HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation	\$ 50 00
Louis J. Black	\$ 50 00
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	\$ 50 00

## WELFARE

Appropriation	\$ 200 00
Expended as per book account	✓ \$ 130 00

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town appropriation	\$ 8000 00
Expended as per book account	✓ \$ 7374 64

## U. S. GRANT OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Received in 1952	\$ 5913 86
Balance January 1, 1952	1537 56
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	\$ 7451 52
Expended as per book account	✓ \$5685 41
Balance December 31, 1952	1766 11
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	\$ 7451 52

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town appropriation	\$ 1400 00
Transferred from reserve fund	86 15
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	\$ 1486 15
Expended as per book account	✓ \$ 1486 15

## U. S. GRANT AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Received in 1952	\$ 1535 00
Balance January 1, 1952	284 20
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	\$ 1819 20
Expended as per book account	✓ \$1816 99
Balance December 31, 1952	2 21
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	\$ 1819 20

# ADMINISTRATION OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation		\$ 300 00
Northern Franklin Welfare District	\$ 294 77	
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## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$ 450 00
Transferred to Fire Insurance	\$ 94 35	
Transferred to Printing	53 31	
Transferred to Miscellaneous Account	53 05	
Transferred to Aid to Dependent Children	86 15	
Transferred to Chapter 90 Construction	27 92	
Transferred to Railing	22 03	
Transferred to Gypsy Moth	1 35	
	<hr/>	\$ 338 16

## ALL OTHERS

Treasurer of Franklin County		
County Tax	\$ 1347 85	
Dog licenses	✓ 161 80	
Commonwealth of Mass.		
State parks and reservations	✓ 50 34	
State audit	✓ 472 12	
Collector of Internal Revenue	W 942 20	
Franklin County Trust Co., temporary note	5000 00	
Douglas Barton, wild cat bounty	✓ 10 00	
Spencer Howes, Beaver Meadow Cemetery		
interest	✓ 9 80	
H. V. Campbell, South Cemetery interest	✓ 49 97	
Malcolm Bailey, tax refund	✓ 90 30	
Bruno Shivitz, tax refund	✓ 12 80	
Harlan Quinn, tax refund	✓ 14 84	
	<hr/>	\$ 8162 02

## SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1953

Town Officers	\$ 1510 00
Aid to Dependent Children	2000 00
Welfare	200 00
Old Age Assistance	6500 00
Snow Removal	1000 00
Bridges	400 00
Railing	200 00
Highway Chapter 81	585 00
Highway Chapter 90 Construction	1000 00
Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance	500 00
Special Highway	200 00
Gypsy Moth	200 00
Memorial Day	25 00
Board of Health	50 00
Library	100 00
Inspection of Slaughtering	75 00
Inspection of Barns and Animals	50 00
Fire Insurance	450 00
Tree Warden	100 00
Dutch Elm Disease	75 00
Fire Warden	100 00
Miscellaneous Account	600 00
Notes and Interest	2700 00
Printing	250 00
Machinery Account	3500 00
Schools	23400 00
	<hr/> \$45770 00

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## 1952 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES IN THE TOWN OF LEYDEN

1 Greenfield Road	\$1011 33
2 Brattleboro Road	726 09
3 Frizzell Hill Road (2 Sects.)	774 37
4 North Bernardston Road	0 00



5	East Hill Road	613 43
6	East Hill Branch Road	12 75
7	Keets Brook Branch Road	201 25
8	Paige Road	0 00
9	Alexander Road	137 85
10	County Road	749 59
11	Hart Road	32 50
12	W. S. Black Road	139 99
13	Eden Road	620 34
14	East Glen Road	819 89
15	Wilson Road	33 00
16	Gates Road	185 55
17	River Road	1113 68
18	Lynde Mill Road	30 60
19	West Leyden Road	3489 60
20	Bell Road	75 32
21	George Lamb Road	35 40
22	Kately Hill Road	42 10
23	South Schoolhouse Road	387 07
24	Coates Road	55 75
25	Brooks Road	22 55
		<hr/> \$11310 00

#### ALLOTMENTS

State	\$10725 00
Town	585 00
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Total	\$11310 00

Respectfully submitted,

CASPER P. ZIMMERMAN  
DAVID J. BAKER  
RAY ROBERTSON

Selectmen of Leyden

Audited  
January 24, 1953  
Hannah E. Orr, Auditor

# Town Clerk's Report

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

February	18	Sheryl Ruth Wright
March	17	John Patrick List
April	26	Bonnie Lee Staiger
May	13	Christopher John Baker
July	13	Ronald Lee Barton
August	22	Timothy Richard Gerry
September	3	Joan Eileen Quinn
October	5	Barbara Ann Howes

### MARRIAGES

May	17	Gordon Richard Cobb and Claire Louise Fregeau
December	6	William George Chapin and Ruth Janet Hale

### DEATHS

April	19	Frank R. Wood, 75 years
August	8	George H. Lamb, 75 years
August	25	Andrew James Koshinsky, 79 years

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## REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED

38 males at \$2.00	\$ 76 00
9 females at \$5.00	45 00
17 spayed females at \$2.00	34 00
2 kennel at \$10.00	20 00
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	\$ 175 00
Paid town treasurer	\$161 80
Clerk's fees, 66 at 20c	13 20
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	\$ 175 00

# REPORT OF HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

9 Resident Citizen Fishing at \$3.25	\$ 29 25
29 Resident Citizen Hunting at \$3.25	94 25
24 Resident Citizen Sporting at \$5.25	126 00
5 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing at \$1.25	6 25
3 Resident Citizen Female Fishing at \$2.25	6 75
3 Special Non-Resident Fishing at \$2.75	8 25
5 Resident Citizen Sporting	Free
1 Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting	Free
1 Resident Citizen Fishing	Free
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	\$ 270 75
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$252 50
Fees retained, 73 at 25c	18 25
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	\$ 270 75

HAROLD V. CAMPBELL,

Town Clerk

Audited

January 24, 1953

Hannah E. Orr, Auditor

# Treasurer's Report

## Receipts

Balance January 1, 1952	\$ 19539 49	
Income from Davenport Fund	✓ 27 50	p-25
Income from Library Fund	✓ 23 11	p-25
Quintus Allen Legacy	✓ 400 00	p-25
Dog money returned by County	✓ 162 47	p-3
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Superintendent's salary	✓ 432 85	p-3
Tuition of Children	✓ 274 70	p-17
Vocational Education	✓ 1383 23	p-3
Income Tax, Chap. 70, Part 1	✓ 6424 63	p-1
1951 Income tax, Chap. 70, Part 1	✓ 1284 93	p-1
School transportation	✓ 5485 20	p-3
Income tax	✓ 791 80	p-1
Reimbursement loss of taxes	✓ 86 85	p-3
Inspection of animals	✓ 25 00	p-3
Corporation tax, business	✓ 1363 34	p-1
Meal tax	✓ 495 52	p-3
Old Age Assistance	✓ 4818 49	p-3
Aid to dependent children	✓ 997 50	p-3
Highways, Chap. 81, balance 1951	✓ 2281 11	p-3
Highways, Chap. 81	✓ 7523 82	p-3
Highways, Chap. 90 C, 1951	✓ 1990 00	p-15
Highways, Chap. 90 M, 1951	✓ 499 97	p-15
Highways, Chap. 90 M	✓ 500 00	p-15
School lunch program	✓ 504 63	p-3
County of Franklin		
Highways Chap. 90 C, 1951	✓ 995 00	p-15

Highways Chap. 90 M, 1951	✓ 499 97	- p-15
Highways Chap. 90 M	✓ 500 00	- p-15
Wild cat bounty	✓ 10 00	- p-11
U. S. Grant for Old Age Assistance	✓ 5913 86	- p-3
U. S. Grant for Aid to Dependent Children	✓ 1535 00	- p-3
Town of Colrain, reimbursement O.A.A.	✓ 162 45	- p-15
Town of Greenfield, reimbursement O.A.A.	✓ 34 53	- p-15
District Court fines	✓ 325 00	- p-1
George Lamb Estate	✓ 563 25	- p-3
Sale of blackboards	✓ 6 00	- p-21
Sale of desks	✓ 4 00	- p-21
Library fines	✓ 3 14	- p-17
School lunch program	✓ 1215 19	- p-17
School lunch program, turkey supper	✓ 132 00	- p-17
Road machinery earnings	✓ 2319 35	- p-15
Harold Wilder, rent of bulldozer	✓ 12 50	- p-15
Ralph Rhodes, rent of tractor	✓ 5 00	- p-15
Wilhelm Glabach, rent of bulldozer	✓ 10 00	- p-15
George Howes, rent of bulldozer	✓ 10 00	- p-15
Austin Dobias, sale of Beaver Meadow school	✓ 1500 00	- p-21
B. S. Beecher, sale of South school	✓ 500 00	- p-21
Eugene Singley, sale of Center school	✓ 375 00	- p-21
Fees from sealer of weights and measures	✓ 6 40	- p-21
E. W. Cook, auctioneer's license	✓ 2 00	- p-1
Welcome and Dionne, junk dealer's license	✓ 2 00	- p-3
Registration Greenfield Girl Scout Camp	✓ .50	- p-3
E. W. Cook, slaughtering license	✓ 1 00	- p-1
Interest South Cemetery funds	✓ 49 97	- p-25
Interest Beaver Meadow Cemetery funds	✓ 9 80	- p-9
Town Clerk dog licenses	✓ 161 80	- p-27
Withholding tax	✓ 942 20	- p-25
Franklin County Trust Co., temporary loan	✓ 5000 00	- p-3
Check No. 15682	✓ 12 50	- p-3
Interest 1948 tax	✓ 6 92	- p-25
Interest 1949 tax	✓ 27 18	- p-25
Interest 1950 tax	✓ 68 67	- p-25
Interest 1951 tax	✓ 106 55	- p-25



Interest 1952 tax  
 Demands 1949 tax  
 Demands 1950 tax  
 Demands 1951 tax

12 02  
 35  
 4 20  
 16 10

\$80377 54

### Taxes

1949 poll tax  
 1950 poll tax  
 1951 poll tax  
 1952 poll tax  
 1948 real estate tax  
 1949 real estate tax  
 1950 real estate tax  
 1951 real estate tax  
 1952 real estate tax  
 1949 personal tax  
 1950 personal tax  
 1951 personal tax  
 1952 personal tax  
 1949 motor excise tax  
 1950 motor excise tax  
 1951 motor excise tax  
 1952 motor excise tax

\$ 2 00  
 6 00  
 40 00  
 110 00  
 43 20  
 139 53  
 697 95  
 3867 55  
 12132 33  
 93 37  
 281 25  
 1799 04  
 6137 20  
 6 20  
 282 38  
 511 39  
 669 38

\$26818 77

\$107196 31

### Expenditures

Selectmen's warrants  
 School Committee's warrants  
 School lunch program warrants  
 Temporary note  
 Balance December 31, 1952

\$50573 34  
 21696 82  
 1748 74  
 5000 00  
 28177 41

\$107196 31

HAROLD V. CAMPBELL,

Town Treasurer

Audited

January 24, 1953

Hannah E. Orr, Auditor

# Town Warrant

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## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN SS:

To John H. Newcomb, Constable of the Town of Leyden  
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, Monday, the second day of March next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing:

One Moderator for one year  
One Town Clerk for one year  
One town treasurer for one year  
One Selectman for three years  
One Assessor for three years  
One School Committee for three years  
One Constable for one year  
One Auditor for one year  
One Tree Warden for one year  
One Collector of Taxes for one year  
One Trustee Robertson Memorial Library for three years and fill any vacancies that may occur.

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Town Officers for the year 1952, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 4. To act on the list of jurors as posted by the selectmen.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the accumulated and current income of the Davenport Fund in the sum of \$77.00 in equal shares toward defraying the expenses of the poor and schools.

ART. 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the accumulated income of the Barstow Fund in the sum of \$108.61 toward defraying the expenses of the welfare account.

ART. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the necessary expenses of the town and appropriate same, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from the Quintus Allen money, any sum of money for the maintenance of schools during the current year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended:

Moderator	\$ 5 00 for each meeting
Town Clerk and Treasurer	400 00 and fees
Selectmen	
Chairman	150 00
Second member	125 00
Third member	125 00
School Committee	
Chairman	60 00
Clerk	60 00
Third member	50 00
Assessors	
Each member	90 00
Constable	25 00
Auditor	25 00
Collector of Taxes	200 00
Tree Warden	Hourly wage of departmental supt.
Library Trustees	0 00

and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the payment of compensation under provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$1700.00 from the Machinery Fund and raise and appropriate \$1800.00 for the Machinery Account or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the overlay surplus the sum of \$450.00 for a reserve fund as provided in Section 6, Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the care of the East Hill Cemetery, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appro-

priate the sum of \$300.00 for administration of the Northern Franklin Welfare District.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Disability Assistance, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to install water in the Town Hall, raise and appropriate money for same, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1000.00 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1700.00 for notes and interest, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept the following trust fund:

Belle C. Shick trust fund for \$100.00 for perpetual care of Newton Carson lot in South Cemetery.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$625.00 to be used with State and County Chapter 90 Construction funds for a cement bridge on the Keats Brook Road.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to extend the W. J. Black Road by the residence of Edward Smith to the Brattleboro Road, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to accept the new elementary school building and discharge the Committee, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the town wishes to request the School Committee to allow organizations to use elementary school building for meetings.



ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for civilian defense.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to pay a member of the Board of Selectmen the sum of \$50.00 for attending meetings of the Northern Franklin Welfare District.

The polls will be opened at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at five in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof on the Town House, seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

CASPER P. ZIMMERMAN  
DAVID J. BAKER  
RAY ROBERTSON

Selectmen of Leyden

# **Report of Northern Franklin Welfare District**

To: Leyden Board of Public Welfare

From: L. R. Stark, Agent, Northern Franklin Welfare District

Subject: Annual report on Public Assistance, 1952

During the year 1952 the District Welfare Office in Bernardston continued to administer Public Assistance for Leyden under the direction of the Leyden Board of Public Welfare. This work included investigations of applications for assistance, periodical investigations of continuing need, determination of the amount of needs, preparation of payrolls and reports and related matters.

A total of forty-two trips were made to Leyden by automobile during the year and sixty-two contacts were made to assist applicants or recipients. A considerable number of additional conferences and contacts were made in connection with Public Assistance matters including conferences with Board members, and contacts with police, S.P.C.C., District Court, Civil Defense, Division of Child Guardianship, physicians, dentists, druggists and others.

## **Old Age Assistance**

On January 1, 1952 substantial increases were made in Old Age Assistance grants as a result of legislation and other adjustments made by the Department of Public Welfare in the mandatory State Standard Budget including required minimum payments of \$79.00 per month for those living alone or with non-relatives and \$59.00 per month for all others. These adjustments resulted in increasing grants in Leyden an average of approximately \$6.00 per month each. At the same time legislation became effective requiring the towns to file liens on real estate owned by recipients covering aid furnished after January 1, 1952. Ten such liens have been filed

at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds. One of these has since been discharged following death of the recipient and payment was made back to the town for assistance given in 1952.

At the beginning of the year seventeen cases were being aided at a cost of \$1025.00 per month exclusive of medical needs. At the end of the year there were sixteen on the rolls with regular monthly payment of \$960.00. Additional costs of medical needs vary greatly from month to month with an average cost of \$100.00 per month during 1952.

Three new applications for assistance were received during the year all of which were approved and aid furnished. Four cases were closed during the year, two as a result of death of the recipients, one because of the lien law and one became self-supporting.

There were no appeals during the year.

Federal financial participation was increased beginning October 1st from a monthly maximum of \$30.00 per case to a maximum of \$35.00 per case.

### **Aid to Dependent Children**

Two cases involving nine children were being aided at the beginning of the year, and aid to them continued through the year at a cost of approximately \$260.00 per month. There were no new applications.

Federal financial participation was increased beginning October 1st approximately \$3.00 per month per person.

### **Disability Assistance**

There were no Disability Assistance cases aided during the year and no applications were received.

### **General Relief**

One single person case was aided throughout the year. No other applications were received.

L. R. STARK

# WELFARE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES 1952

Category	Town Approp.	Prev. Bal. and Refunds	Federal Reim.	Total Available Funds	TOTAL PAYMENTS	UNUSED BALANCE	DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS				Leyden Cost
							Federal	Receipts State	Other Towns		
O. A. A.	\$8000 00	\$1550 16	\$5913 86	\$15464 02	\$13060 05	\$2403 97	\$5913 86	\$4818 49	\$228 48	\$2099 22	
A. D. C.	1443 45	326 90	1535 00	3305 35	3303 14	2 21	1535 00	1066 43	0 00	701 71	
D. A.	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	
G. R.	200 00	0 00	0 00	200 00	130 00	70 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	130 00	
District	300 00	0 00	0 00	300 00	294 77	5 23	0 00	0 00	0 00	294 77	
Total	\$9943 45	\$1877 06	\$7448 86	\$19269 37	\$16787 96	\$2481 41	\$7448 86	\$5884 92	\$228 48	\$3225 70	

# Northern Franklin Welfare District

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To The District Welfare Committee

From L. R. Stark, Agent, Northern Franklin Welfare District

Subject Annual Report on Administration by the Northern Franklin Welfare District for 1952.

During the year 1952 employees of the Northern Franklin Welfare District, with headquarters at Bernardston, continued to administer Public Assistance for the Boards of Public Welfare of Bernardston, Gill, Leyden and Warwick.

Total cost of administration for the year was \$6000.41 which included salaries of the agent, clerk and treasurer, travel expense, office rent, equipment and supplies, telephone, postage and miscellaneous items of administration expense. The cost to the member towns was \$1339.87 apportioned as follows:—Bernardston \$509.15, Gill \$227.78, Leyden \$294.77 and Warwick \$308.17. Remaining costs were covered by Federal and State Reimbursement funds. There was an available balance in the District Treasury January 1, 1952 of \$993.51 and on December 31, 1952 the balance was \$899.61.

During most of 1951, the first year of operation of the District office, free office space and equipment was furnished at the Bernardston Town Hall, but office space was rented during 1952 on Dewey Street at a cost of \$45.00 per month including heat. It also became necessary in 1952 to purchase additional office equipment costing approximately \$400.00.

Mrs. Daisy M. Hale, who was employed as office clerk beginning January 1, 1951, resigned June 30, 1952. This position was then filled by appointment of Frieda J. Wiemers of Bernardston.



Monthly meetings of the District Welfare Committee have been held during the year at the Bernardston office with the Agent present. All matters pertaining to the operation of the District Office including apportionment of costs, budgets and approval of expenditures have been determined by the Committee at these meetings.

There has been a very high degree of cooperation among the members of the committee with the District employees which is greatly appreciated. We believe the Welfare District plan has been a success.

L. R. STARK,

## Welfare Department Estimates for 1953

CATEGORY	AVAILABLE FUNDS			
	Town Approp.	Prev. Bal.	Federal Reim.	Total Available Funds
O. A. A.	6500 00	1766 11	6300 00	14566 11
A. D. C.	2000 00	2 21	1600 00	3602 21
D. A.	100 00	0	0	100 00
G. R.	200 00	0	0	200 00
District	300 30	0	0	300 30
Total	9100 30	1768 32	7900 00	18768 62

# Tax Collector's Report

JANUARY 1, 1952 TO DECEMBER 31, 1952

Tax	Collected	Uncollected	Interest	Charges	Abated	Refund
1948	\$ 43 20		6 92			
1948 Excise					40 07	
1949	232 90		26 25	35		
1949 Poll	2 00					
1949 Excise	6 20		93			
1950	979 20	252 79	49 88	2 10		
1950 Poll	6 00	4 00	22	35	2 00	
1950 Excise	282 38	8 58	18 57	1 75		
1951	5666 59	1732 92	94 94	8 40	44 80	44 80
1951 Poll	40 00	12 00	42	2 80	2 00	
1951 Excise	511 39	85 67	11 19	4 90	35 13	14 84
1952	18269 53	6768 60	11 06		65 00	45 50
1952 Poll	110 00	50 00			22 00	
1952 Excise	669 38	468 62	96		62 08	
Totals	\$26818 77	\$9383 18	\$220 69	\$20 65	\$273 08	\$105 14

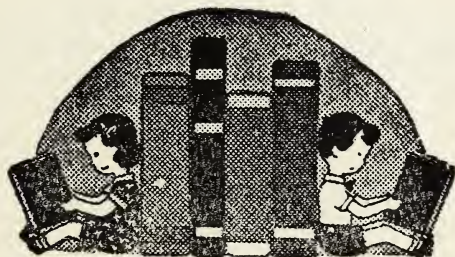
GEORGE E. HOWES

# Annual Report

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## **Leyden School Report**

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### **ORGANIZATION**

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#### **School Committee**

Bernard York, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Jessie Glabach, Secretary	Term expires 1954
William Barker	Term expires 1955

#### **Superintendent of Schools**

F. Sumner Turner  
Dartmouth A. B., Harvard M. Ed.  
Boston University—University of Massachusetts  
Office, Center School, Tel. 757

#### **Office Hours**

School Days 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.  
School Vacations, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

#### **School Physician**

F. Wilton Dean, M. D.  
Northfield, Mass.

#### **School Nurse**

Bernice F. Berry, R. N.  
Tel. Greenfield 3411

## **School Calendar**

1953—1954

Schools Open January 5, 1953	Close February 20, 1953
Schools Open March 2, 1953	Close April 17, 1953
Schools Open April 27, 1953	Close June 12, 1953
Schools Open September 9, 1953	Close December 23, 1953
Schools Open January 4, 1954	Close February 19, 1954

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## **Report of Superintendent of Schools**

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Leyden:

I am pleased to present herewith my fifth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools. This report covers the 181st year of public education in the Town of Leyden.

### **SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

After many delays for many reasons the New Elementary School Building is nearing completion. In many ways the helpful effect of the new building is evident. Soon there will be statistics available that will show us how great are the advantages. Every possible means is being followed to complete this project in order that acceptance by the state may be achieved and the state reimbursement may begin.

### **VISUAL AIDS**

I wish to thank the Parent Teachers Association for their gift of a film slide projector and 25 reels of film to the school. This is proving a very important part of our school equipment. Also, it has provided the impetus for the increased use of visual aids in our teaching.

## TEACHERS

Mrs. Ann Brissette, teacher of the primary room completed the school year 1951-52. In spite of the difficulties of consolidation and reorganization much was accomplished and real start made toward an efficient school.

Mrs. Helen McCaughey, Graduate of Wheelock College, and graduate study in Boston University and Whitewater College was appointed to teach the primary grades.

## SCHOOL LUNCH

Under the direction of Miss Leta Wood the school lunch has completed a most successful year; 6,065 pupils were fed a nutritious lunch each day at school. Financially, the school lunch has done exceedingly well. The cash balance was increased from \$10.23 on January 1st to \$113.31 one year later. Miss Wood and all those who have helped to make this enterprise a success should receive a great deal of praise.

Under the direction of the School Committee a turkey supper was served in the Town Hall on September 30, 1952 for the benefit of the School Lunch. One hundred thirty-two dollars profit was realized. This was given to the school lunch to purchase trays, additional silverware and part payment on the additional stove in the kitchen. Everyone who helped to make this adventure successful deserves thanks and credit.

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

On the opening day of school the pupils were divided as follows:

Grade 1	10
Grade 2	5
Grade 3	5
Grade 4	6

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Total 26 Mrs. Helen McCaughey

Grade 5	6
Grade 6	4
Grade 7	5
Grade 8	3

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Total 18 Miss Pearl Rhodes

## FINANCES

The budget voted by the town of \$21,500.00 proved to be not quite enough. It was necessary to ask the Town at a special town meeting for the \$200.00 that was asked for by the School Committee but not voted.

The change of several pupils from Academic to Vocational School during the year accounted for the balance in High School Tuition. In general, the balances were found in items pertaining to salaries and the overdrafts in items pertaining to supplies.

A careful study will show that although more money was spent the amount of state aid increased and the resulting net cost to the taxpayer was \$618.49 more than in 1951; \$153.16 more than in 1950 and \$56.84 less than 1949. As yet 1949 was the year when the greatest amount of money was spent for schools by Leyden taxpayers.

For 1953 the state reimbursements have been estimated as follows:

Chapter 70	\$6424 63
Vocational Tuition	903 90
Vocational Transportation	431 86
Transportation	6000 00
Superintendent's Salary and	
Travel	432 85
State Wards	275 00
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	\$14468 24

The following table shows how the school dollar was spent in Leyden during the school year 1951-52 in comparison with the same spending in group four towns (Town less than 5,000 and not maintaining high schools) and with state wide spending in schools. (The cost of new equipment is left out according to state methods of accounting).

Item	Amount	Leyden	Group IV	State Wide
General Control	\$1059 96	4.9	4.5	3.8
Salaries	4916 24	27.7	43.0	68.3
Textbooks	160 93	1.0	1.5	1.2
Supplies	145 10	0.8	2.7	3.3
Janitor Service,				
Fuel	1425 51	8.1	9.4	11.8
Replacement and				
Equipment	312 36	1.9	2.3	5.1
Libraries				0.1
Health	155 00	0.9	1.3	1.5
Transportation	5720 20	32.2	16.2	2.9
Tuition	3777 80	21.1	19.0	1.0
Miscellaneous	208 68	1.3	0.6	1.0
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	\$17931 78	100	100	100

The above table does not take into consideration Vocational Tuition and transportation which amounted to \$2,671.51 (\$1807.80 vocational tuition and \$863.71 transportation)

For the coming year the School Committee after having met and discussed the budget with the Board of Selectmen and Town Treasurer, feel that it will be necessary to ask for \$23,400.00. The greatest increases come in tuition charges, transportation and personal services. It is interesting to note that almost one third of this budget is transportation which means that this money goes to Leyden citizens. This item plus others of varying amounts in the budget add to more than the net cost of education.



The increase is approximately \$1,700.00 or 7.8%. There is a bill before the State Legislature to increase the State Aid in conjunction with minimum salaries for teachers. This increase, as now proposed would double the reimbursement under Chapter 70.

The following two items I feel are most interesting at this time.

The following report of the Minneapolis Citizens Committee on Public Education is most interesting.

"Comparative tests show that fifth graders today are one year more mature in reading ability than were fifth graders thirty years ago. (There are) more serious, more selective, and wider readers. People all over the world are studying American methods of teaching reading. Some children have difficulty learning to read; and tests show that 45% of reading troubles are emotional and start in the home. Over-crowded school facilities sometimes contribute to reading difficulty, the teacher and teaching methods is an important factor, and the curriculum, which of course includes among other subjects, that of reading, bears a close relationship to the problem as a whole."

"To neglect our school system would be a crime against the future. Such neglect could well be more disastrous to all our freedom than the most formidable armed assault on our physical defenses. Where our schools are concerned, no external threat can excuse negligence; no menace can justify a halt to progress."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

I wish to thank the School Committee for their helpful guidance and assistance in solving the many school problems. I appreciate the cooperation and work of the supervisors, teachers, secretarial staff and workers of our schools. May I thank the parents, town departments, pupils and civic

organizations for their help in making 1952 a successful school year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER

Superintendent of Schools

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### LEYDEN SCHOOL LUNCH

Cash Balance January 1, 1952		\$ 10 23
Sale of Lunches		1212 19
Government Reimbursement		504 63
Other		135 00
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		\$1862 05
Expenses:		
Food		\$1013 86
Salaries		566 40
Other		168 48
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		✓ \$1748 74
Balance, December 31, 1952	\$113 31	
Government Reimbursement Due	104 40	
Inventory	12 87	
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	\$230 58	\$230 58
Liabilities State of Mass.	2 95	
Lindell	8 25	
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	\$11 15	\$11 15
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Net Worth December 31, 1952		\$ 219 43
Lunches Served	Pupil: 6065	Adult: 360

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Name	School	Where Educated	Date
Pearl E. Rhodes	Leyden Elem't'y	Amer'c'n Interna'l College, A. B.	1946
Helen McCaughey	Leyden Elem't'y	Wheelock College *Boston University *Whitew't'r College	1952
Clara Cook	Music Sup'r	Northampt'n Music School	1943
W. L. Rinehart	Penm'ns'p Sup'r		1942
Edson Crafts	Art Supervisor	Rhode Island School of Design; Brown Univ.; Art. Inst. of Chicago, B. of F. A. Univ. of Chicago	1949

\* Attended without graduation

## ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER 1, 1952

### Leyden Elementary

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tl.
Boys	6	4	2	3	5	3	3	2	28
Girls	4	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	16
Totals	10	5	5	6	6	4	5	3	44

### High School Pupils

	Boys	Girls	Total
Greenfield Junior High School	0	2	2
Greenfield Senior High School	4	5	9
Greenfield Vocational School	12	0	12
Shelburne Falls Vocational School	3	1	4
Total	19	8	27
Total Registration 1951		65	
Total Registration 1952		71	
Increase		6	

## LEYDEN CENSUS REPORT

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages birth to 5 years	14	13	27
Between ages 5 to 7	5	9	14
Between ages 7 and 16	28	21	49
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Total	47	43	90

### State Aid and Net Cost of Education

1942-1952

Year	Total Expend.	State Aid and other Receipts	Percent of State Aid	Net Cost Education
1942	\$ 8994 75	\$ 5815 31	64.6	\$ 3179 44
1943	8849 52	4829 51	54.6	4019 11
1944	8916 54	6575 46	73.7	2341 08
1945	9400 00	4959 71	52.8	4440 29
1946	10107 77	4782 22	47.4	5282 22
1947	13905 88	8992 83	64.7	4913 05
1948	15601 64	10345 72	66.3	5255 92
1949	16403 91	8635 10	52.0	7743 05
1950	18071 81	10528 76	58.2	7543 05
1951	18999 91	11922 16	62.7	7077 75
1952	21696 82	14000 61	64.1	7696 21

### Net Cost of Schools for 1952

Expended by the School Department 1952:

Regular Appropriation \$21696 82

State of Massachusetts Reimbursement:

Chapter 70 as amended 1948 C-643 6424 63

Vocational Tuition 920 00

Vocational Transportation 463 23

Transportation 5485 20

Supt's. Salary and Travel 432 85

State Wards 274 70

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Total \$14000 61

Net Cost of Public Education, 1952 \$7696 21

## Budget Summary

1952

Itemized Budget	Approp.	Expend.	Recom'd 1953
Superintendent	\$ 575 00	\$ 572 46 ✓	\$ 615 00
Out-of-State Travel	10 00	✓ 2 32 ✓	10 00
Administrative Expense	181 50	✓ 172 47 ✓	198 00
Salaries: Teachers	4740 00	✓ 4644 24 ✓	5500 00
Textbooks	100 00	✓ 135 53 ✓	100 00
Supplies: Students	100 00	✓ 157 57 ✓	100 00
Supplies: Janitors	175 00	✓ 193 41 ✓	175 00
Salaries: Janitors	480 00	✓ 440 00	480 00
Fuel			450 00
Water and Current	600 00	✓ 716 15 ✓	240 00
Clerk	178 00	✓ 174 99 ✓	210 00
Repairs	20 00	✓ 14 11 ✓	20 00
New Equipment	200 00	✓ 411 98 ✓	50 00
Medical: Physician	50 00	✓ 50 00	25 00
Nurse	110 00	✓ 110 00	110 00
Tuition: High School	4243 60	✓ 3317 68 ✓	2506 24
Vocational	1917 28	✓ 2817 13 ✓	4061 49
Transportation:			
High School	3802 04	✓ 3931 63 ✓	4300 27
Local	3364 00	✓ 3055 70 ✓	3344 00
Sundry Education			
Expense	176 58	✓ 120 45 ✓	175 00
Music Supervisor	337 00	✓ 331 00 ✓	375 00
Art Supervisor	160 00	✓ 148 00 ✓	175 00
Penmanship Supervisor	180 00	✓ 180 00 ✓	180 00
Totals	\$21700 00	\$21696 82	\$23400 00

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14.11  
207.52



331.00 m.  
148.00 arb  
140.00 pen

170.20  
574.78 app.  
774.98 clerk.

## Report of the Art Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee:

As we bring our third year of the art program to a close, it should be noted that it is coming of age, that it is growing in many diversified directions and channeling itself to many new, interesting uses. During the first years, the art course consisted mainly of giving a prescribed problem, having the students carry it out and gain experience in the process. However, during this period students always were encouraged to try their own ideas, and to apply what we had learned to any task relative to art.

Today, that is exactly what is happening. As I travel from school to school, it is exciting to see the different projects. One teacher may have the children carry out a large mural or a series of drawings to illustrate the American way of life. Another room may have the monthly calendar on the blackboard, with an illustration done by one of the students. Another may be working in papier mache and creating colorful animal statues bigger than the students themselves. And still another may be painting paper plates, or decorating the school with colored paper.

The children's reading books today demand more and more that the children draw the things they are studying, as educators feel it helps them to remember events and makes school work more interesting. The teachers in our Union say they believe this is true. Each town using the art for different purposes is exactly what we were striving for, for then it is always serving the greatest need. However, basically our

art program is standard for all the towns; it is only in the "extras" that it varies. Without the fine co-operation of the teachers, of course, these "extras" would not be possible.

Another noteworthy point is that with the new schools, more time can be spent in each classroom, since traveling time has been cut down.

In our high school program we are allowing more of a choice as to what the student does, as we want to develop interests on that level.

We still have a lot to learn, but we feel that we have come a long way.

Respectfully submitted,

EDSON CRAFTS

## Report of Music Supervisor

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To the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Leyden I submit the following report of the school music program.

The work in the Primary Grades has been satisfactory, covering about the same ground as in the past.

Beginning with the third and fourth grades some time is spent in teaching the playing of the tonette, a preband instrument. Also many songs are taught with syllables, letters, chanting and words.

Students in the upper grades have new music books which continue on from the series started in the lower grades.

Music appreciation is enjoyed by the children when they are listening to records that are connected with our new music books in both rooms.

Twirling is taught during recess with June Barton, Waretta Gerry and Marcia Davis as leaders.

It was a great pleasure for me to have Mrs. Martine McDriscoll, State Supervisor of Music visit me at the Leyden school, December 5th. She was very pleased with our music program. In the upper grades, she gave the children a star for their good work in singing and an extra star for extra activity in music when they played their recorders for her. She told the children how fortunate they were to have the opportunity to play the recorder, one of the oldest musical instruments usually found in private schools and colleges. Also

that she very seldom gave two stars in one room for music. In the lower grades, Mrs. McDriscoll was equally as pleased with extra activity rhythm band, folk dancing and tonettes. Mrs. McDriscoll took pictures of the students in grades one through four with tonettes in the mouths of pupils in grades three and four.

Because there seems to have been an unusual number of these "special" programs in the past year less theory has been taught in the upper grades.

A color film of the 1952 Western Massachusetts Music Festival was shown all of the students, December 15th.

May I thank the school officials, teachers, parents and the pupils for their interest and cooperation in the school music program.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA COOK

Supervisor of Music

## **Report of the School Nurse**

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To School Committee of Leyden:

During 1952 all children have been checked by Dr. Dean—weighed and measured; eyes and ears examined; all defects reported to parents. A Well Child Clinic was held in June with Dr. Wallace examining.

BERNICE BERRY,

School Nurse

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## **Report of the School Physician for 1952**

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The activities of the school physician in Leyden this year consisted mainly of performing physical examinations on all the school children. A new state law restricting the examinations to only a portion of the pupils in order to do more thorough examinations was not considered applicable to the Leyden situation, for with so few pupils in school, it was felt that all could well be examined, and this plan was carried out. Another feature of the new law is the recommendation that parents be present at the examinations, and I think much benefit might accrue if this could be accomplished next year.

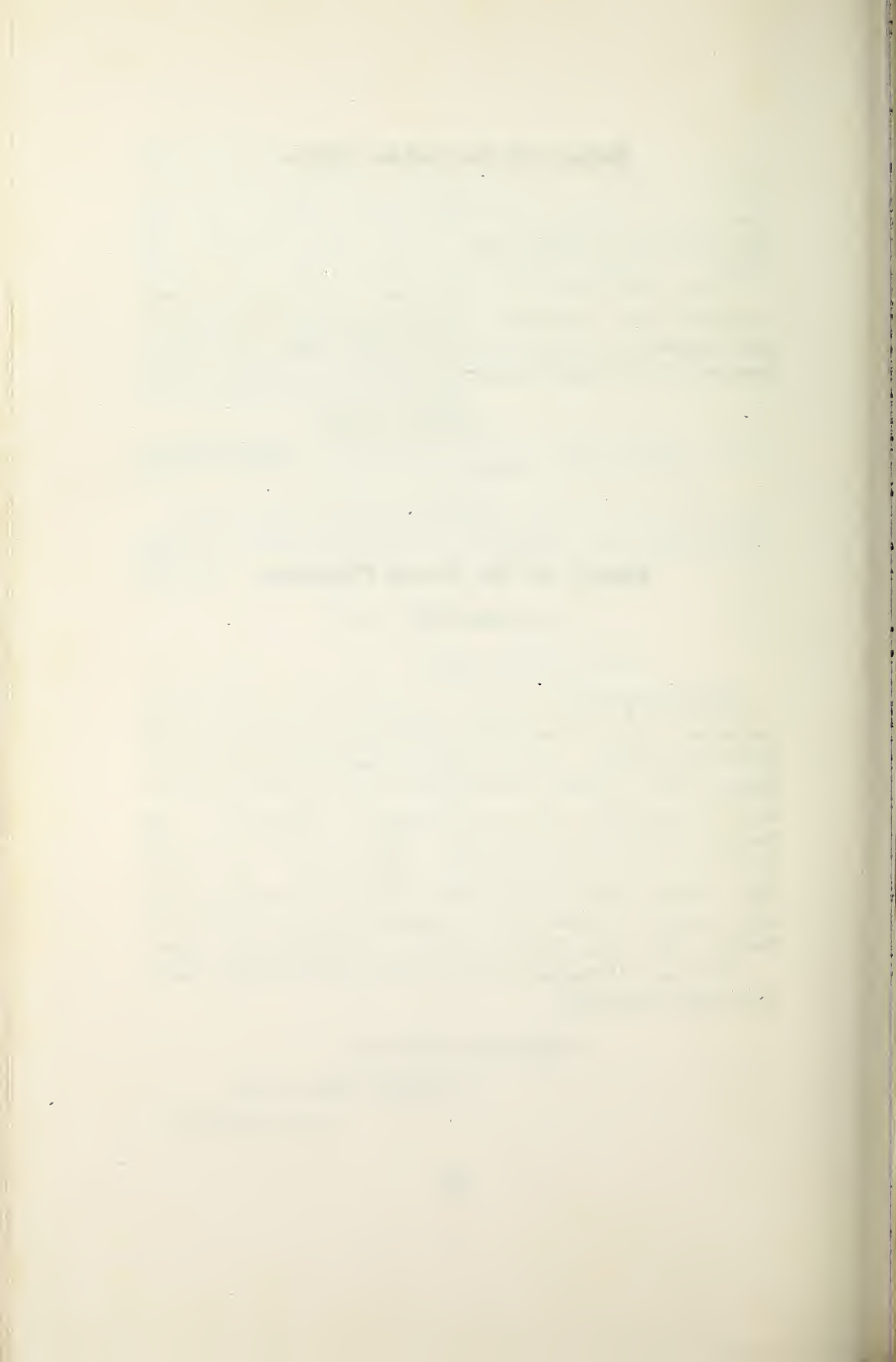
This year 44 pupils were examined, and 15 defects found, 10 of these bad teeth.

Respectfully submitted,

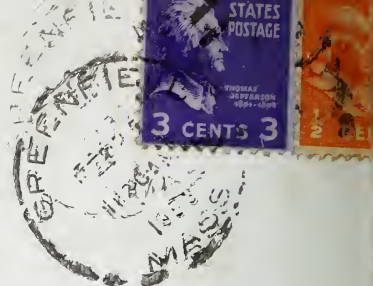
F. WILTON DEAN, M. D.

School Physician









Mr. Herbert Orr  
Leyden Stage  
Greenfield Mass.